

# **Delaware Forestry Association holds annual meeting on March 23 in Bridgeville; offers \$1,000 forestry scholarship**

Celebrating its 35th anniversary, the [Delaware Forestry Association](#) (DFA) will present its 2017 “Tree Farmer of the Year” award on Thursday, March 23 at its annual banquet and meeting at the [Bridgeville Fire Hall](#), 311 Market Street, Bridgeville, Delaware 19933, (302) 337-7272. Tickets are \$27 for adults and free for children under 12. Reservations are kindly requested by March 17. [Registration forms](#) are available in the current edition of the [DFA Winter Newsletter](#). Checks should be made payable to the “Delaware Forestry Association” and sent to: Delaware Forestry Association, P.O. Box 344, Bridgeville, DE 19933.



Delaware's Tree Farm Committee is part of the [American Tree Farm System](#), founded more than 75 years ago to recognize landowners who practice proper forest stewardship by developing comprehensive management plans for diverse objectives such as wood products, wildlife habitat, water quality, and recreation.

### [Highlights from the 2016 DFA Annual Meeting and Tree Farmer of the Year Award](#)

The Delaware Forestry Association is also offering its [annual \\$1000 scholarship](#) to a student who chooses forestry or a related major at a two-year or four-year accredited college or university. Applications are due by April 1 and the winner will be notified by May 1. Students will be eligible for up to 4 years of undergraduate study, upon reapplying, meeting the

requirements, and being selected. All applicants must show financial need and academic merit. All applicants shall be in the upper 25% of their class in high school and maintain at least a 2.75 grade point average in college, based on a 4.0 scale. Scholarship money can be applied toward tuition, room and board, or books. The money will be sent directly to the college in which the student is enrolled. All applicants must submit a short essay describing their personal goals and reasons they feel they are deserving of this award. Applicants may be requested for a personal interview by the scholarship committee. The successful applicant will receive his or her award on Governor's Day at the Delaware State Fair in Harrington.

Application forms can be downloaded at: <http://delawareforest.com/scholarship>. For more information, contact: Sam Topper at (302) 856-2893 or [sam.topper@delaware.gov](mailto:sam.topper@delaware.gov).

### **Agenda:**

- 5:30 p.m. – Registration & Social Hour (Silent Auction remains open until 7:45 p.m.)
- 7:00 p.m. – Country-Style Dinner: Crab Cakes, Oven-fried Chicken, Roast Beef Au Jus, Beef Dumplings, Mashed Potatoes, Green Bean Casserole, Cole Slaw, Rolls & Butter, Dessert, Beverages (Coffee, Ice or Hot Tea, Water)

### **DFA Business Meeting**

- 8:00 p.m. – Welcome
  - Election of 2017-2018 DFA Board Directors
  - Delaware Tree Farmer-of-the-Year Award
  - Delaware 25th Anniversary Tree Farmer Recognition
  - Delaware Forest Service – Forestry Administrator's Update
- 9:00 p.m. Wrap-up – Announcement of Silent Auction

## Winners – Adjourn

Attendees who are able to donate items to the Silent Auction are asked to please bring them or contact a DFA Board Director. To expedite the evening's activities, DFA members are asked to pre-send 2017 DFA Membership dues with their reservation forms.